

For Six Month Period Ending **14 MAR 1991**
(Insert date)

Name of Registrant **The Office Of Tibet**

Registration No. **1699**

Business Address of Registrant **107 East 31 Street
New York, NY 10016**

I-REGISTRANT

1. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in item 1.

**Mr. Tinley Nyandak, Consultant to the Office of Tibet and
Registered on May 10, 1983, left on
October 18, 1990. He is now with Voice
of America.**

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, and 5.

3. Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Position

Date Connection
Ended

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4. Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. Has any person named in Item 4 rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his services.

6. Have any employees or individuals other than officials, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
Tinley Nyandak	Consultant	October 18, 90

7. During this 6 month reporting period, have any persons been hired as employees or in any other capacity by the registrant who rendered services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Position or connection	Date connection began
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II—FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

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8. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of Termination

9. Have you acquired any new foreign principal¹ during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If yes, furnish following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

10. In addition to those named in Items 8 and 9, if any, list the foreign principals¹ whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama

III—ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9, and 10 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

For His Holiness the Dalai Lama

1. 1. Meetings and discussions with individuals and groups to develop an understanding of the problems of Tibet and seek financial and moral supports
2. Contact organizations and individuals to seek support for Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal.
3. Publications of News Tibet and dissemination of other general information on past and present Tibet and refugee situations.
4. Arrangements for visits to America by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

¹The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual or organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9)).

A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those foreign principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity² as defined below?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

For His Holiness the Dalai Lama

11/30 Talk on Tibet-Johnston College Connection"
to a group of students and faculty members in
University of Redlands

1/12/1991 Speech ~~at~~ "Human Rights in China in
Columbia University

3/10 Mr. Rinchen Dharlo Read the Dalai Lama's
March 10th ~~Statement~~

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

²The term "political activities" means the dissemination of political propaganda and any other activity which the person engaging therein believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, persuade, or in any other way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS—MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.³

<i>Date</i>	<i>From Whom</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
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Total

(b) RECEIPTS—THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁴ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name of foreign principal</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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³A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. See Rule 201(e).

⁴Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS—MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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	1. Salary		\$16,757.93
	2. Tax		7,110.80
	3. Rent		22,237.76
	4. Phone		5,570.90
	5. Eletricity		1,215.33
	6. Postage		2,287.58
	7. News Tibet/Postage		2,785.46
	8. News Ibet Printing		1,424.36
	9. Office Supplies		197.66
	10. Office Maintenance		1,638.68
	11. Fed Exp		133.00
	12. Accountant Fees		600.00
	13. Entertainment		385.00
	14. Telex		174.30
	15. Printing		122.70
	16. Computer Supplies		260.35
	17. For 2 Newly Arrived Visitors		800.00
	18. Special Delivery		112.40
	19. Travel/Dharlo		326.05
	20. Local Travel		526.76
	21. Travel		1,038.01
	22. Misc Exp		381.30
	23. Travels/2 Newly Arrived Visitors		521.50
	24. Travel/ Newly Arrived Visitors		2,683.22
	25. Travel/Dharlo & 2 Newly Arrived Visitors		3,475.00
	26. Chrissmass Gifts		685.55
	27. Travel/Indira		900.00
	28. Gift		25.00
	29. Building Fund		2,372.26

		Total	\$76,748.86

Tot

15. (b) DISBURSEMENTS—THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value⁵ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date disposed</i>	<i>Name of person to whom given</i>	<i>On behalf of what foreign principal</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS—POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value⁵ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount or thing of value</i>	<i>Name of political organization</i>	<i>Name of candidate</i>
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V—POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

(Section 1(j) of the Act defines "political propaganda" as including any oral, visual, graphic, written, pictorial, or other communication or expression by any person (1) which is reasonably adapted to, or which the person disseminating the same believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, or in any other way influence a recipient or any section of the public within the United States with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party or with reference to the foreign policies of the United States or promote in the United States racial, religious, or social dissensions, or (2) which advocates, advises, instigates, or promotes any racial, social, political, or religious disorder, civil riot, or other conflict involving the use of force or violence in any other American republic or the overthrow of any government or political subdivision of any other American republic by any means involving the use of force or violence.)

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any political propaganda as defined above? Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal. His Holiness the Dalai Lama

⁵Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating political propaganda? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of political propaganda include the use of any of the following:

☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☒ Magazine or newspaper articles ☐ Motion picture films ☒ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☒ Lectures or speeches

☐ Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated political propaganda among any of the following groups:

☒ Public Officials ☐ Newspapers ☒ Libraries
☒ Legislators ☒ Editors ☒ Educational institutions
☒ Government agencies ☒ Civic groups or associations ☒ Nationality groups
☒ Other (specify) Individuals

21. What language was used in this political propaganda:

☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, two copies of each item of political propaganda material disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such political propaganda material with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☒ No ☐

24. Did you file with the Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, a Dissemination Report for each item of such political propaganda material as required by Rule 401 under the Act? Yes ☒ No ☐

VI—EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

25. EXHIBITS A AND B

- (a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 9 the following: **N/A**

Exhibit A⁶ Yes ☐ No ☐
Exhibit B⁷ Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represent during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐ **N/A**

If no, please attach the required amendment.

⁶The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁷The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

26. EXHIBIT C

If you have previously filed an Exhibit C⁸, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period. Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If no, please attach the required amendment.

27. SHORT FORM REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5 and / of the supplemental statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

The undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) that he has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in attached Short Form Registration Statement, if any, insofar as such information is not within his (their) personal knowledge.

(Type or print name under each signature)

(Both copies of this statement shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths by the agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions who are in the United States, if the registrant is an organization.)

Tenzing Chhodak
Tenzing Chhodak

Subscribed and sworn to before me at One Park Ave NY NY 10016

this 29 day of March, 19 81

EPIFANIA C. CATINELLA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 41-4960572
Certificate Filed in Queens County
Commission Expires 12/26/91

[Signature]
(signature of notary or other officer)

⁸The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
REGISTRATION UNIT
CRIMINAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your supplemental statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Political Propaganda - page 7 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64 - Supplemental Statement):

Yes ✓ or No

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

Yes or No

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all such material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

Tenzing Chhodak April 29, 1991
Signature Date

TENZING CHHODAK
Please type or print name of
signatory on the line above

Special Assistant
Title

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DATE	FROM WHOM	PURPOSE	AMOUNT\$
Sept 14,90	Zoksang Wangchuk	Donation	\$52.00
9/24	Origon Tib Community	"	1,722.00
10/11	US Tibet Committee(USTC)	Rent	500.00
"	P.Thondup	Donation	80.00
"	Mary Scully	"	50.00
"	T. Chundup	"	150.00
"	Boston Tib Community	"	432.00
10/16	B.C. Tib Community	"	791.47
"	Landsay Tib Community	"	1,200.00
"	P. Kreber	Donation	50.00
"	Tibet Fund	Office	10,000.00
"	Tibet Fund	Salary	2,760.00
"	Tibet Fund	Rent	1,500.00
"	J. Kimerson	News Tibt	100.00
"	USTC	Rent	250.00
"	Tibetans	Donation	100.00
10/27	UN Affairs	Refund/Misc	500.00
"	USTC	2 Guests	1,000.00
11/13	US Air	Refund/Airfare	278.00
12/5	Denise Larssaw	Transfer	100.00
"	P. Coater	Donation	100.00
"	Office of His Holines	OT Fund	8,000.00
12/22	L. Chogyal	"	100.00
"	Namgyal & Others	"	190.00
1/5/91	S. Topgyal	"	64.00
"	Tibet Fund	2 Guests	1,500.00
1/7	Pyelgyal	Donation	128.00
"	USTC	Refund	800.00
"	Bay Area Tibetans	Donation	300.00
"	USTC	Rent	250.00
"	USTC	Refund/Phone	200.00
"	USTC	Refund/Postage	127.00
"	Tib Asso	Refund/Postage	50.00
1/9	Office of His Holiness	OT Fund	5,000.00
"	Office of His Holiness	OT Fund	9,000.00
"	T. Dakpa	Donation	200.00
"	D. & P Gyamcho	"	50.00
"	L. Dolma	"	60.00
"	U.S. Air	Refund/Airfare	307.00
"	Campaign for Tibet	2 Guests	855.00
"	Tib Asso	"	1,000.00
1/20	USTC	Rent	500.00
"	USTC	Refund/Phone	1,200.00
"	Office His Holiness	OT Fund	8,000.00

2/8	J. Garison	News Tibet	100.00
"	USTC	Refund/Phone	200.00
"	USTC	Rent	250.00
"	D. Khorko	Donation	70.00
3/9	B. Summerfield	"	100.00
"	Potala Pub	Rent	1,500.00
"	Tibet Fund	Rent	3,000.00
"	Tibet Fund	Salary	5,520.00
"	Geshe Sopa	Donation	100.00
"	G. Namgyal	" Can.	150.00
"	Y. Khedrup	"	120.00
"	L. Gyatso	"	192.00
"	K. Tashi	"	60.00
"	R. Dharlo	"	80.00
"	Tibetan Asso	Refund/Posage	90.00
"	T. Anyetsang	Transfer	600.00
"	D. Larsow	Transfer	500.00
"	Alberta Tibet Com	Donation	1,409.68
		To News Tibet	576.00
		To Office	825.72
		Video Rental &	
		Postage	110.00
		Refunds	84.00

		Total \$	75,233.87



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THE OFFICE OF TIBET
107 EAST 31st STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016

November 29, 1990

Contact: Rinchen Dharlo
Lauran Hartley
(212) 213-5010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tibetans Protest Visit of China's Foreign Minister
Call on Secretary Baker to Raise Issue of Tibet

The Office of Tibet in New York protests the visit of Qian Qichen, China's Foreign Minister, on the grounds that gross human rights violations in Tibet have not substantially improved. Rinchen Dharlo, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in North America, calls upon Secretary of State James Baker to forcefully raise not only the issue of human rights and political prisoners in Tibet, but also the transfer of Chinese settlers into the occupied territory.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENT CONTAINS LIST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Rinchen Dharlo calls upon Secretary Baker to present a list of 77 political prisoners currently held in Lhasa's Drapchi prison. The list was obtained earlier this month from sources in Lhasa who have access to official government documents. "This list makes it perfectly clear that many innocent Tibetans are now being sentenced to five-19 years for sometimes nothing more than passing out pro-independence leaflets." A 14-year-old boy was recently sentenced to two years imprisonment after being caught making leaflets at school.

Jigme Ngapo, International Campaign for Tibet's (based in Washington, D.C.) China analyst, said "Qian Qichen's visit to Washington will definitely give the Chinese government a freer hand to crack down on its opposition in China and on the independence movement in Tibet." Ngapo, a Tibetan who studied in Beijing, says "the government has adopted as policy the Chinese phrase 'neijin yaisong' which literally means 'inside is tight, outside is loose.' China has always employed this strategy of using opportunities to loosen international pressure and simultaneously tighten domestic repression. The effect of this in Lhasa - where there are no reporters - is frightening."

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THE DALAI LAMA'S COMMENTS ON THE GULF CRISIS

According to Rinchen Dharlo, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in North America, the exiled government has not formally issued a statement on the Gulf crisis. However, when the Dalai Lama visited the United States in September he compared Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and China's 1950 invasion of Tibet. "The moral principal is the same: when a stronger nation uses force to occupy a smaller nation, this is wrong," said the Dalai Lama. "The United Nations did not come to our aid, as it did with Kuwait." General Assembly resolutions on Tibet passed in 1959, 1961, and 1965, prior to China's admission to the United Nations, failed to produce any substantive result.

The Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual and temporal leader, also spoke in a recent interview on the issue of whether war is inevitable:

"In the current Persian gulf crisis, everyone seems to be blaming Saddam Hussein. But he alone is not responsible. Both superpowers and others have given the Arab world a lot of weapons. The time has come to think seriously about the idea of demilitarization and strict rules about exporting weapons."

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Issued by The Office of Tibet.



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**His Holiness the Dalai Lama
United States Visit - Spring 1991**

Schedule of Public Events

BOSTON, MA

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Symposium: "Mind Science: A Dialogue Between East and West"

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kresge Auditorium

8:50 a.m.

During this day-long conference His Holiness will give address "Tibetan Mind Science: Its Scope and Benefits. The Example of Compassion". He will also engage in dialogue with faculty of Harvard Medical School. To register, call (617) 432-1525; or write, Harvard MED-CME, P.O. Box 825, Boston, MA 02117.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Bartels Fellowship Lecture

Cornell University, Barton Hall

6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Lecture: "Buddhism in Tibet"

Cornell University, Bailey Hall

9:30 a.m.

Information regarding these two lectures may be obtained by calling the Cornell Office of University Events (607) 255-7556.

FINDLAY, OH

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Public Lecture: "Compassion and Leadership"

University of Findlay, Croy Gymnasium

2:00 p.m.

There is no charge for tickets, but they must be reserved. Call Sue Dean (419) 422-8313.

HOUSTON, TX

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Teaching: "The Three Principles of the Path"

Thubten Rinchen Ling Center.

1:00 p.m.

For information: (713) 665-0111

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Teachings followed by Avalokitesvara Initiation

Thubten Rinchen Ling Center

9:00 a.m.

For information: (713) 665-0111

Public Talk: "Peace for the World; Peace for the Individual"

location to be announced

4:00 p.m.

For information: (713) 665-0111

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Public Lecture; organized jointly by Houston Medical Institute and Rice University

10:00 a.m.

For information: (713) 665-0111

SANTA FE/ALBUQUERQUE, NM

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Public Talk: "Universal Responsibility: All Things Living In Nature"

University of New Mexico-Albuquerque

7:00 p.m.

For information, contact Project Tibet: (505) 982-3002

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Brief teaching: "Oral Transmission: Mantra of Avalokitesvara"

Kagyü Shenpen Kunchab Center - Santa Fe

10:00 a.m.

For information, contact Anna Hansen: (505) 982-0155

Public talk: "World Peace through Compassion and Non-Violence."

place: tba - Santa Fe

6:00 p.m.

For information, contact Project Tibet: (505) 982-3002

LOS ANGELES, CA

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Public Symposium: "The Spiritual Quest in the Modern World"

Royce Hall, UCLA Campus

8:50 a.m.

For more information, call UCLA Extension Registrar's Office to be put on list for catalogue:
(213) 825-9971.

SANTA BARBARA, CA

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

History/Slide Program on Tibet

Red Lion Hotel

6:00 p.m.

Presentation of Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's 1991 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Public Address: "Freedom and Responsibility in the Global Community"

University of California at Santa Barbara Events Center

4:00 p.m.

Contact: UCSB Lectures/Programs Office, (805) 893-2080

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Public Dharma Talk

Grace Cathedral

10:00 a.m.

For more information, call the Cathedral at (415) 776-6611.

Benefit Reception/Dinner for American Himalayan Foundation

6:00 p.m.

For ticket information, call Peggy Day at the American Himalayan Foundation, (415) 434-1111.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Public Talk: "Altruism and World Affairs"

Lisner Auditorium; Sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and International Campaign for Tibet

7:00 p.m.

For tickets, call the Smithsonian Resident/Associate Program: (202) 357-3030.

Buddhist Teaching

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Contact: D.C. Year of Tibet Information (301) 718-0357



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Two days ago, on March 8th, special prayers were held for all those brave Tibetans who sacrificed their lives for the Tibetan cause and for those who continue to demonstrate for freedom throughout Tibet. This is the day when martial law was declared in Tibet two years ago. We especially remember young Lhakpa Tsering, who was tortured to death in prison recently, and Lobsang Tenzin and others who are reportedly in imminent danger of being executed any day. I hope that March 8th will be commemorated annually as a day of remembrance and prayer for all those who are being arrested, tortured and executed in Tibet, and for the family members of these victims who also suffer. Today on this 32nd commemoration of the March 10, 1959 National Uprising, we remember these brave Tibetans once again.

In Tibet, the situation remains grim. On 1 May last year Chinese authorities announced the lifting of martial law in Tibet. However, there is clear evidence to conclude that the lifting of martial law is in name only. The People's Armed Police which were withdrawn have been replaced by thousands of plainclothes policemen. If the situation is normal, as the Chinese claim, then they should immediately withdraw all the plainclothes policemen and let Lhasa be run by civilian authorities. Before the lifting of martial law, several hundred monks and nuns were expelled from various monasteries and nunneries in Tibet. Unfortunately, some of the most intelligent and serious practitioners of Buddhism have been expelled from these institutions. After the July visit of Jiang Zemin, General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, to Tibet, more stringent measures were ordered to suppress all activities of the Tibetans in Lhasa which the Chinese perceive as being political. They have officially declared that "heavy" and "firm punishments" should be meted out "swiftly". In spite of all this, the spirit of the Tibetan people remains unbroken and they have continued to demonstrate at least a dozen times for the freedom of Tibet.

My deep concern for the unending cycle of repression and the massive influx of Chinese into Tibet, thus endangering the very survival of our people and culture, led me to initiate two important proposals with the Chinese: my Five-Point Peace Plan in 1987 and the Strasbourg Proposal in 1988.

The Strasbourg Proposal was made with a conviction that it met with the basic hopes of the Tibetan people without denying the reality of present day Chinese rule in Tibet. Many Tibetans have been disappointed and many have criticized this proposal as too conciliatory, with unwarranted concessions.

My proposals have not elicited any official response from the Chinese leadership. In fact their state media have been critical. Because of this closed and negative attitude, I feel my personal commitment to these ideas has become ineffectual. I believe that the logical step is to acknowledge our failure in this endeavor to reach out to the Chinese leadership. If in the near future there are no new initiatives from the Chinese, I will consider myself free of any obligation to the proposals I made in the Strasbourg address. However, my dedication to the freedom and the legitimate rights of the Tibetan people will always remain steadfast. I also remain committed to negotiations with the Chinese for a peaceful solution to the Tibetan problem.

Last year, many positive and far-reaching changes took place in the world. In the Soviet Union, the steps taken by President Gorbachev to introduce a more representative and responsible form of government had significant and widespread impact. In many countries, in Eastern Europe especially, one-party dictatorships were replaced by popularly elected governments. The dismantling of the Berlin Wall and the unification of the two Germanys are testimonies to the end of the Cold War and a step toward a world no longer haunted by the prospect of a war between the East and the West.

In Mongolia, too, the people went to the polls to elect a new government. I particularly welcome the revival of Buddhism in Mongolia, which had uniquely close cultural and religious ties with Tibet. In our part of the world I must commend the people of Nepal for their efforts in reviving a multi-party system and His Majesty King Birendra for facilitating the process. Regrettably in many other countries, such as Burma, although the people speak out loudly for greater freedom, the governments have not responded positively.

With such fundamental shifts taking place in the world, I am confident that China cannot remain isolated and unchanging. The Chinese people will one day see that only through a genuinely democratic form of government will they be able to unleash their creative energies for the good of China, and for peace and progress in the world. Signs of this change are evident. The crushing of the democratic movement, led by students and intellectuals, in June 1989 in Beijing, may have been a temporary setback. However, in the long run this event will give the Chinese people inspiration to continue their struggle for greater freedom and democracy.

A peaceful and politically stable future for China lies not just in the success of the Chinese democratic movement, but in the fulfillment of the wishes of millions of non-Chinese to regain their own freedom from Chinese occupation. For stability and peace to return to Asia as a whole, a new China should join a democratic community of states created for the mutual benefit of all its members. Such a community could include Tibet, East Turkestan, and Inner Mongolia who seek freedom from Chinese colonialist rule, and could also be extended to include other nations interested in building an Asian community. The idea needs much detailed thought, and I hope other Asian leaders and interested persons will be willing to discuss it with me so that we can make it a reality.

I was very saddened by the recent Gulf War and the loss of so many human lives. I consider this crisis an exception in an otherwise encouraging atmosphere. Too often situations that turn explosive are a result of neglect at the early stages when diplomacy and peaceful methods are not adequately applied. A contributing factor to such hostilities is the "strategies" that many nations adopt in an attempt to achieve a balance of power that is supposedly in their interest. Above all, the worst contributing factor to conflicts such as the Gulf War is the arms trade in which individuals and nations indulge for financial gain. Such trade seems senseless, irresponsible, and completely lacking in human considerations. If we want to avoid such tragic confrontations we must pay greater attention to situations of potential conflict right from the beginning. We must also change our limited, selfish strategies and interests and strive for a greater sense of responsibility beyond one's immediate area. Such a concept will not only preserve peace for one particular nation but will lay the foundation for a lasting peace for all.

Ever since I was young, I looked forward to the time when we could devise a political system suited both to our traditions and to the demands of the modern world. Since we came into exile we have tried to build up the Chithu, the elected assembly of representatives, as a key feature of our effort to develop such a system. We are now embarking on changes which will further democratize and strengthen our Administration in exile. I hope that these changes will allow the people of Tibet to have a clear say in determining the future of their country. It is therefore a matter of great pride for me and, I am sure, for all of you that last month the Tibetan exiles went to the polls for the eleventh time to elect a new assembly of representatives. This assembly will have many more members and will have a much greater role in determining the executive branch of our Administration. Already, since the special congress held last May, the members of the Kashag, the executive head of our Administration, are elected officials, no longer appointed by me.

I believe that future generations of Tibetans will consider these changes among the most important achievements of our experience in exile. Just as the introduction of Buddhism to Tibet cemented our nation, I am confident that the democratization of our society will add to the vitality of the Tibetan people and enable our decision-making institutions to reflect the heartfelt needs and aspirations of all Tibetans.

During the last few years, I have been most encouraged by the expression of support for the Tibetan cause both at the government and individual level throughout the world. In recent years the U.S. Congress and several parliaments in Europe, and in Australia, have adopted resolutions of concern and support for Tibet and the Tibetan people. The Friends of Tibet meeting in Dharamsala last March was another encouraging indication of the extent of this support.

Today, this national day has also been declared the first day of the International Year of Tibet 1991-1992, a year-long commemoration of Tibet, its people and its cultural heritage. On behalf of all of us, I thank each of you involved in the numerous exhibitions, conferences, seminars, publications and other events and projects dedicated to this global educational effort.

In conclusion, I want to once again thank the voluntary agencies and individuals still involved in assisting the Tibetan refugee community. A special note of gratitude must be extended to the people and Government of India for their hospitality and understanding all these years, in spite of the many problems and responsibilities of their own.

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